(b) if so, the number of IAS officers that have so far gone abroad for such training during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Corruption in public servants

3892. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Government's perception regarding prevalence of corruption in public servants in the country, its volume, its extent, its remifications etc.;

(b) whether any survey has been undertaken recently by Government/ NGO/any other national or international Agency;

(c) if so, the details and conclusions thereof;

(d) whether Government realize that shoddy investigations and prosecution and long delays in sanctioning prosecution often result in defeating the objectives of fighting corruption; and

(e) in above context, the number of cases that are awaiting Government's permission for prosecuting public servants in corruption cases and since how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Government has not undertaken any survey or study regarding prevalence of corruption in the country.

(b) and (c) Information on any survey conducted by any NGO/any other national or international agency is not centrally maintained.

(d) The Government has issued detailed guidelines to check delay in grant of sanction for prosecution, specifying a time-frame for disposal.

(e) Out of 28 cases pending as on 31st December, 2006 for prosecution sanction in respect of Group A' officers of the Central Government against whom the Central Vigilance Commission had advised launching of prosecution, only 1 case was pending for sanction as on 30th April, 2007.

Cases pending with CBI

3893. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases pending with CBI are increasing rapidly day by day;

(b) if so, the cases pending with the CBI as on 31st March, 2007, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in finalizing the cases; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to finalize a case within a stipulated period and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir. The number of cases pending under investigation in the CBI during the last five years is as follow:

Year	Number of cases
2002	1478
2003	1435
2004	1354
2005	1402
2006	1417

(b) As on 31.03.2007, there were 1474 cases under investigation with the CBI. The State-wise figures are not maintained by the CBI.